

THE PICOHE WEEKLY RECORD.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

OUR MAIL SERVICE.

Its Plentifulness of Deliveries.

The mail service of this section is very poor. It is so little better than none that the difference is hardly worth mentioning. The mail from Milford, 110 miles, schedule time 22 hours, has not come in on time for three months. Private conveyances usually make better time than the mails over the same roads in the same weather. The route from Panaca to St. Thomas has been discontinued entirely, notwithstanding the fact that the government agent, when here, recognized the necessity of direct mail service between the two points. This cuts off communication to the extent that it takes less time to correspond with New York City, about 2,500 miles distant, than with El Dorado Canyon, in this county, less than 200 miles from us. It leaves the settlers in the Meadow Valley Wash at a distance from 15 to 50 miles from any postoffice. Northward from Pioche there is no postoffice in the county, nor is there any mail route over an area of 3,600 square miles, including the settlements at Jackrabbit, Bristol, Cave Valley, Lake Valley and Patterson. It would not be believed outside of Nevada that such an extensive region could possibly be left without any mail facilities whatever.

THE RESULTING HANDSHIPS.

The time of a letter from the county seat of Lincoln to St. Thomas, in the same county, 125 miles south, is more than a week, the route being through Utah, and only about 200 miles in length. As to the northern end of the county, Taylor, the nearest postoffice, is 35 miles north of our northern boundary line, and a letter will reach that point by a route about 250 miles long, mostly through Utah, in about a week. Yet there is a good wagon road from Pioche north, through the settlements to the farthest one about 70 miles, and on to Taylor, a distance of 110 miles. Fair average time between Pioche and Taylor direct would be about 17 hours. Going to the Capital of the State, a letter traverses Utah and Nevada a distance of over 1,000 miles, and to reach El Dorado Canyon, in the southern part of this county, less than 200 miles distant by the traveled road, a letter must go about 2,000 miles, through Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona—nine, two weeks to one month, according to the looseness of the connections.

This may seem absurdly funny to outsiders, but it is an extremely great hardship on us. There are hundreds of permanent settlers in this county, whose homes have been here for years, who are practically without mail facilities, as it takes them on an average two days to go to the nearest postoffice and return.

California has a three-legged chicken, Pahranagat Valley a five-legged colt, but Pioche can beat them both. One of Chas. Ball's sons had a calf yesterday, which has but three legs and one eye. Its form is natural with the exception of the front leg, which is between the shoulders, and the eye is in the center of the forehead. Persons wishing to see the calf are requested to call at the corral to-morrow, as Mr. Ball does not want them to come when he is not there. He informed us that he would be at the corral Sunday till 4 o'clock.

Fifteen tons of ore was shipped during the week by E. H. Bawden from what was formerly the Escalator mine, just east of the divide. He began prospecting the claim a short time since and found a nice vein of ore, upon which two men are now at work besides himself. The mine looks well, and by the time the teams return it is expected another 15 tons will be put and ready to ship.

I. N. Garrison left Thursday for the southern part of the county, on a prospecting trip. He will be gone about a month.

Judge Clapp has set a good example by having three shade trees planted in front of his dwelling on Lacey street.

Miss Clara Warren has been employed as teacher of the Taylor, White Pine County public school.

Attend the auction sale of household furniture at Mrs. Gear's, at 1 o'clock to-day.

The pleasant toot of the steam whistle is heard once more.

The telegraph line was out of working order the greater part of the week.

Mr. Elwood Bailey was in town from Camp Valley, Wednesday.

The County Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting next Monday.

SILVER NEWS CORRESPONDENCE.

The smallpox scare has at last reached this place, and Dr. Husted is doing a thriving business in the vaccination line.

The horse race set for April 4 promises to be an exciting contest, as all horses in Harriburg mining district are allowed to enter by depositing \$10 on or before April 3.

Johnnie Vivian and wife, of Salt Lake City, are the guests of Mrs. J. Berryman. It is rumored that Mr. Vivian is to take charge of the Rickard & Lochrie mine, situated at the river.

Messrs. Spillbury and Judd, indicted for unlawful cohabitation, appeared before U. S. Commissioner Jordan, and were bound over in the sum of \$1,000 each, to appear when wanted.

During Saturday night's terrific thunder shower, the catholic church steeple was struck by lightning, and a portion of it torn away. The streak penetrated the ceiling, and went down through the floor, and why the building did not catch fire remains a mystery.

Huston and West have ten men at work shearing their large flock of sheep, about a mile and a half from town. They deprecate any reduction on the present tariff upon wool, saying that it would visibly affect the sheep industry, which is quite a factor in this county.

Last Thursday we attended a "musical" given by Mr. and Mrs. Spalding, at Citizens Hall. Some very choice selections were excellently rendered. At the close of the entertainment, Mr. Spalding announced that if enough pupils could be secured, it was their intention to open a musical convention, consisting of fifteen lessons, at the end of which a concert would be given to show the progress made. Thirty odd names were at once enrolled and the concert promises to be a grand success.

The St. Patrick's Ball at Citizens Hall was decidedly the dance of the season. Excellent music was furnished by Mark's string band, alternating with Mortimer's of Parowan. Some of the costumes worn by the ladies were decidedly elegant, and it would baffle the ingenuity of an accomplished society reporter to describe them, so we will not attempt it. An enjoyable time was had by all, particularly your scribe, and it is to be hoped another such gathering will soon occur, which may prove equally pleasant to all.

ONONDAGA MINE.—Work goes on steadily at the Onondaga mine, Jackrabbit District, and hoisting works have at last become a necessity. Owing to foul air and the cost of handling ore and waste several times in bringing it to the surface, work was recently suspended in the main winze, which has now reached a depth of about 225 feet, and the men were set to work to examine the extent of the ore just below the tunnel level in the upper workings. The ore in the winze sunk from the lower drift measures from 18 inches to two feet in width. The present work below the tunnel is developing some very good ore, which was, at last accounts, over 2½ feet in width. In this ore are bunches of talc, some of it being very weighty and some light. A sample of blue talc assayed 330 ounces in silver, while samples of drab colored talc showed from 19.44 to 60.60 ounces. Samples of talc ore carried 335 ounces of silver. Forty tons or more of ore was shipped from the mine to Salt Lake City during the past month, and there is a number of tons of high grade ore at the mine awaiting shipment. The owners have not yet determined whether to place a patent whim or a steam engine over their shaft, when work on the winze is resumed.

The Salt Lake Tribune of the 25 inst. contained the following: We hope there is something in it: "There are big things in store for Pioche. A new company is going to start, and a deal is now pending which means a rejuvenation of the camp. But the preliminaries are not yet complete, as the parties concerned are lying low, and propose giving gunning to the first newspaper man who gives the snap away."

The railroad surveyors moved their camp last Monday and are now at Dow Springs, nine miles east of Panaca. They found the grade too heavy in the Clover Valley Wash, and are now making northward, coming by way of Dry Valley, thence probably up the Flat a few miles north of town.

The Republican County Central Committee has thus far taken no action looking to the selection of delegates to the Republican State Convention. Considering the circumstances, the time should be the immediate present.

To-morrow will be Easter Sunday.

STATE NEWS.

The thoroughfares leading to and out of Virginia City are crowded with vehicles of all kinds.

Reno has nineteen grocery stores and fifty saloons. The former also all deal in gin and beer.

It is rumored that friends of Hon. Thomas Wren are mentioning him for Justice of the Supreme Court.

A blast in the Stranger mine at Austin, Lander county, last week let in a flood of water and six men narrowly escaped drowning.

The losses of the Geddes & Bertrand mine, at Secret Canyon, Eureka county, have out between 600 and 700 tons of ore ready for shipment.

It is said that the mines of Austin never looked better than at the time they closed down. Rich ore was in sight all through them.

Messrs. McComb and Courts were to start for Death Valley last week. They have contracted with an Indian, who has agreed to show the lost Breyfogle mine for \$100.

Philip Paroni, the man who some months ago was tarred and feathered, driven out of Eureka, and warned never to return, has fitted up a new butcher shop there in the Whiton building.

During the week ending March 10, the North Belle Isle at Tuscarora shipped 93 tons of ore to the mill, the battery samples of which averaged \$215.37 per ton. Bullion valued \$20,000 was on hand.

After the first of April the Southern Pacific Company will divide its line between Sacramento and Ogden into three divisions, viz: From Sacramento to Truckee, Truckee to Carlin, and Carlin to Ogden.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have purchased the Erie Express Company, thereby adding 3,000 miles of road to the 30,000 already controlled by the company. The purchase extends their line from ocean to ocean and makes them the largest express company in the world.

A railroad man estimates that the numerous accidents during the past six months on the Central Pacific route of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company has entailed a loss of nearly \$1,000,000, and the number of the wounded and killed will reach into three figures.

The public school of Panaca closed on the 27th. Oral examinations were held during the day, and an entertainment given in the evening, both of which were largely attended by parents and friends of the scholars. All were well pleased, and the trustees expressed themselves as well satisfied with the progress made by the scholars during the term. The term lasted six months, 53 scholars being on the roll. Mr. Geo. B. Whitney was in charge until the Christmas holidays, since when, Mr. Chas. Ronnow has had control. Miss Rose Atchison was also employed for several months as assistant teacher. An effort will be made to open the school again in a few weeks, for the benefit of the smaller scholars, with Miss Rose Atchison as teacher.

The report of W. J. Dooley, State weather observer, for the past week is as follows:

	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.
MARCH.....	55	38
1.....	53	31
2.....	48	34
3.....	40	14.5
4.....	40	16
5.....	45	18.5
6.....	55	28.5
7.....	52	21.5

We have received a copy of the "Gael," the first journal published in the interest of the Irish language, but we can't read it. It gives easy lessons in Irish, translations, poems, etc.; one-half the paper being Irish and the other English. It is published by M. J. Logan, at 814 Pacific street, Brooklyn, N. Y., subscription price, sixty cents a year, in advance.

We understand that the Potomac lead mine, which is situated about 25 miles southwesterly from the Las Vegas ranch, in this county, has been relocated and a force of men put to work on it. A U. S. patent was obtained years ago to this property by the Silver State Mining Company, but no work of any kind has been done on it for many years.

Work at the Yuba mine for the past week consisted mainly of general repairs. Several small caves occurred in the shaft while the mine was shut down and some of the timbers required replacing. Active work will begin the first part of next week.

Miss Rose Atchison and Miss Susie Wedge, both from Panaca, were each granted second grade teachers certificates during the week, by the county Board of Examiners.

Mr. Frank Slocum came in from Bristol Friday afternoon.

EASTER STORY FOR LITTLE PEOPLE.

Numbered with other pretty stories about Easter, is one of a pious queen who sought refuge from her enemies in a remote valley, where the poor people by whom she was surrounded had never seen a fowl.

As time went on a faithful servant of the queen brought to his mistress a number of the strange birds. Directly the lord of the flock set up such a victorious crowing that the inhabitants of the valley fled in affright. But when one day a brood of downy chickens crept from their nest and walked abroad on their little pink feet the children forgot their fright, and ere long there was scarcely a household without one small specimen of the feathered race to pet and rear.

Easter came, and the good queen sorrowed greatly that she had no gifts to offer to the people, who in her trouble had been always thoughtful and kind. What could she do? She searched the forest far and wide for barks and roots, with which she made rare and beautiful dyes. Then she gathered all her eggs, and with skillful hand decorated them in many a tasteful design, hiding them here and there in nests about her garden, after which the children were bidden to search for the concealed treasures. Imagine their wonder and delight. Eggs, to be sure, but eggs so transformed they could not believe but what the fables must have left them there.

At length one saw a hare leap from the vicinity of a nest, and cried out:

"Oh, it is a hare! that lays the Easter eggs!"

And to this day the children of that distant valley believe that "hares lay all the Easter eggs."

FOUR BABES AT A BIRTH.

Mrs. Charlotte Tubbs of Caroline county, says a Baltimore special to the Morning Journal, has driven her husband nearly crazy by giving birth to a quartette of blue-eyed, red-faced, bald-headed babies, each weighing from three to five pounds. Mr. Benjamin Tubbs would no doubt have been delighted at this family presentation but from the fact that just sixteen months ago his wife made him a Christmas present of her second pair of twins. One year previous to that she gave birth to a son, and ten months previous was the mother of twins. All the twins and quartette are girls, and the only boy was the single birth.

This is the maternal record of Mrs. Tubbs of Caroline county.

Nothing was thought of the rapid increase in Tubbs' family until the last quadruple addition, and now poor Tubbs is almost beside himself. He could scarcely support the five and does not know what to do with the nine. A subscription has been taken up to get him and his family better accommodations. It is remarkable that the four babes lived, and from the sound of their lung power and other healthy indications they will all live to keep the two pairs of twins company. Physicians from all the country round have been to see the phenomena. The mother is doing well. The babies were born a week ago and the fourth was born just five hours after the first.

All Sorts of Poison.

Mr. W. F. Daley, Advertising Agent of the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad, writes: "Inflammatory rheumatism swelled my legs and arms to twice their normal size. I suffered excruciating pain. Your wonderful S. S. S. made a complete cure."

Major Sidney Herbert, editor of the Southern Cultivator and Dixie Farmer, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "I have fully tested the virtues of Swift's Specific, both as a rheumatism cure and a tonic. It has done even more than its proprietors claim for it."

Mr. Michael Long, Jr., with the St. Louis Lithographic Co., Cincinnati, Ohio writes: "I suffered for two years with a terrible itching and painful sore on my neck, arms, hands and fingers. No physician could help me. S. S. S. relieved me perfectly and I feel like a new man."

Mrs. Amanda Ingle, of Gastonia, N. C., writes: "My baby, when four months old, developed scrofula. He had two severe risings and sores on the neck. I sent for our family physician, who pronounced it scrofula, and prescribed S. S. S. for it. I gave the baby S. S. S., and it soon got the disease under control. The sores are healed, and the baby is well and healthy. I know S. S. S. saved his life, and I told our doctor so. He is a regular physician, and prescribed S. S. S. for the baby as soon as he saw it had scrofula."

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Drawer 3, Atlanta, Ga.

Some months ago the Reno Journal hoisted Blaine as its choice for President. Some one sent Blaine a copy of the Journal and he immediately withdrew from the canvass.—[Carson Appeal.]

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